

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 26-32, 34-36 and 39-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Abstract and claim 32 are amended and claims 33 and 37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

During a telephone conference on August 22, 2007, applicant's representative, Mr. Oren was informed by Examiner Guharay that the Examiner's Amendment on October 11, 2006 was vacated. The above amendments to independent claim 32 are based on independent claim 32 as set forth in the response filed July 31, 2006.

The Office Action objects to claim 33 because of an informality. In order to further prosecution, dependent claim 33 is canceled.

The Office Action rejects claims 32, 36-37 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Patent 6,514,111 to Ebihara et al. (hereafter Ebihara). The Office Action also rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 26, 33-35 and 40-41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ebihara in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/102803 to Chang. Still further, the Office Action rejects claims 26-28, 30-31 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,495,262 to Igeta in view of Chang. The Office Action also rejects claims 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ebihara, Chang and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,261,144 to Nishiki. The Office Action rejects claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Igeta, Chang and further in view of Ebihara. The rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the pending claims.

The Office Action rejects each of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 26-31, 34 and 39-41 based on a combination of references including Chang. However, Chang and the present application were

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both commonly assigned to LG Electronics Inc. at the time the invention was made. Additionally, the rejection based on Chang appears to be based on Chang qualifying as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Thus, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §103(c), Chang is disqualified as prior art. See MPEP §706.02(l)(1). Furthermore, Ebihara, Igeta and/or Nishiki do not teach or suggest all the features of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 26-31, 34, 39-41. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 26-31, 34 and 39-41 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 32 recites a first substrate, a second substrate, a sealing layer between the first substrate and the second substrate, and at least one of a buffer layer or a dielectric layer provided on the first substrate and provided between the first substrate and the sealing layer, wherein the buffer layer has a thickness of 35 μ m to 39 μ m between the sealing layer and the first substrate. Independent claim 32 also recites a protective film on the at least one of the buffer layer or the dielectric layer.

Ebihara does not teach or suggest at least these features of independent claim 32. More specifically, Ebihara discloses in col. 8, lines 49-58 that dielectric layer 240 has a uniform thickness of about 40 μ m. Therefore, Ebihara's uniform dielectric layer 240 does not have a thickness of 35 μ m to 39 μ m. Thus, Ebihara does not teach or suggest that a buffer layer has a thickness of 35 μ m to 39 μ m between the sealing layer and the first substrate. The other applied references do not teach or suggest at least these features. Thus, independent claim 32 defines patentable subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 26-32, 34-36 and 39-42 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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